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MAYOR PEREZ RECEIVES \$150,000 DONATION FROM WEBSTER BANK FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP EFFORTS

HARTFORD, CT - Mayor Eddie A. Perez is pleased to announce that Webster Bank has donated **\$150,000** to the **Neighborhoods of Hartford, Inc. Rising Star and Pride Block Program**. "We applaud Webster for its leadership in expanding homeownership for Hartford residents."

William Bromage, President of Webster Bank stated, "We are pleased to support Hartford's efforts to improve homeownership rates and strengthen communities throughout the city."

The Donation includes **\$125,000** for the NHI Home Investment Loan Fund that provides below market rate loans to Rising Star and Pride Block residents for home improvements and **\$25,000** for the organization as a grant to be used as needed.

"Thanks to the generous donation from Webster Bank, NHI continues to build the capacity of our loan fund, ensuring that we can generate greater investment within our target neighborhoods," said Donald Poland, Executive Director for NHI.

NHI is a non-profit organization that formed out of the **Mayor's Homeownership Initiative** to implement the Rising Star Block and Pride Block program developed by Mayor Perez.

For more information, please call **Kelvin Roldan**, Special Assistant to the Mayor & Director of Community Initiatives at **543-8500** or **Donald Poland**, Executive Director of NHI at **757-9410**.